

The
FIRST FORTY YEARS

Told in Story, Words and Pictures



NEW ZEALAND
GIRL GUIDES



LORD BADEN-POWELL, THE FOUNDER OF THE GIRL GUIDES

*The hero of Mafeking, and the hero of
countless millions of boys and girls the world over*

HISTORY

of the

GIRL GUIDE MOVEMENT

in New Zealand

1923 - 1963

- 1909 New Zealand Girl Peace Scouts organised by Colonel Cosgrove, with Headquarters in Christchurch. Handbook following the lines of the early handbook for Girl Guides.
- to First Companies of Girl Guides formed in Southland (attached to Southland Girls' High School), Wellington and Auckland Provinces; these were
- 1923 registered direct with London Headquarters.
- 1923 Girl Guides Association of New Zealand registered with Imperial Headquarters, and Girl Peace Scouts became Girl Guides.
- 1924 First Dominion Council formed; Viscountess Jellicoe was President, establishing the tradition that the wife of the Governor-General should be invited to be Dominion President.
- Mrs W. R. Wilson, the Provincial Commissioner for Auckland, travelled throughout the Dominion organising new Companies. The first training camp for Guiders was held at Levin; the first Dominion Conference for Commissioners was also held.
- 1926 Mrs W. R. Wilson appointed first Dominion Commissioner. Dominion Headquarters established at Auckland.
- 1927 Otimai, Auckland, the first indoor training house, presented to the Dominion by Mr and Mrs W. R. Wilson and Mrs Roy Wilson.
- 1930 First Dominion Camp for Guides at Trentham; weather was very bad. 500 Guides attended.
- 1931 First visit of Chief Scout and Chief Guide, Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.
- 1934 Miss R. Herrick appointed Chief Commissioner and Dominion Headquarters moved to Hastings. Miss M. Iles appointed Dominion Secretary. First Guide Shops opened.
- 1935 The Chiefs again visited New Zealand.
- 1937 Coronation of King George VI; Message of Loyalty in form of illuminated map of New Zealand on lambskin sent to their Majesties, together with a message in Maori. Both were carried right round New Zealand by many different methods of transport, on horseback, by boat, by train, by car, by Maori canoe and in numerous other ways and handed from one company to another in a Formal Ceremony presided over by the Mayor of each City or Town visited.

- 1940 Centennial Camp at Featherston for Guides, Rangers and Guiders to mark Centenary of New Zealand.
- 1940 Second World War: Some of the many Dominion efforts made by the movement:—
 Contributions towards Air Ambulances given by British Guides.
 Making of 3,000 rope camouflage nets for Army.
 to Collection of 95 tons of cleaning rags for use of Army, Navy and Air Force.
 Earned money for 4 recreational huts for soldiers in mobilisation camps in New Zealand; called Trefoil Huts.
 Many collections of new and used clothing sent overseas.
- 1945 Many food parcels sent to Great Britain.
- 1942 Miss Elsie Williams became Deputy Chief Commissioner in the absence of Miss Herrick who was appointed Director of the New Zealand Women's Royal Naval Service.
- 1944 21st Birthday of Guiding in New Zealand.
- 1944 Guide International Service Fund launched in New Zealand (Guide International Service was an organisation set up by Girl Guides of Great Britain to help women and children in Europe and Far East after war).
- 1945 First New Zealand G.I.S. team of 4 Guiders went to Malaya. Miss Burgin chosen as leader of first British Training Team to go to Germany to organise Guiding among Refugee Guides and Scouts in Displaced persons Camps. Miss Elizabeth Robertson went to Greece to join a G.I.S. Team as interpreter.
- 1946 Food and clothing sent to Guides in Malta and Great Britain. Purchase of Arahina, Marton, for a Dominion Training Centre.
- 1948 The Chief Guide again visited New Zealand.
- 1949 Dominion Guide Week. Special Service took the form of parcels of food, seeds and school requirements sent to Rewi Alley's schools in China.
- 1950 Message of Friendship received from Great Britain.
- 1952 Pacific Ranger Gathering, Marton, the Fourth World Regional Gathering for Rangers; first International Gathering to be held in New Zealand.
- 1953 Thirtieth Year of Guiding in New Zealand. Jig-saw puzzle map of New Zealand sent as gift for Their Royal Highnesses Prince Charles and Princess Anne. Dominion Handcraft Exhibition at Wellington.
- 1955 First Dominion Extension Camp, at Arahina. Gift of sets of clothing to refugee children, aged 2-5 in the Lebanon as Dominion Effort, and Brownie Gift Bags.

- 1956 Miss Mary Hopkirk went to Cook Islands and Western Samoa to train Brownie Leaders; assisted by Unesco.
- 1957 Dominion, Baden-Powell Camp, Marton; 1,000 Guides attended. International Good Turn-Collection of used clothing for destitute children in Korea. First Biscuit Week to earn Funds.
- 1958 Formation of Red Shield Branch by affiliation of Salvation Army Companies and Packs.
- 1959 World Regional Gathering for Young Adults in Fiji arranged by New Zealand. Delegates attended from Canada, U.S.A., Australia, Tahiti, Tonga, W. Samoa, Cook Islands, New Zealand.
- 1960 Jubilee of British Guiding, 1910-1960. Inauguration of the first day of Service to Churches in New Zealand; later held annually. Adoption of Yugo-Slav Refugee Family, Mr and Mrs Mandres, two children and grandmother and their arrival in New Zealand.
- 1961 Building of new Dominion Headquarters in Christchurch, transfer from Hastings.
- 1962 Official Opening of new Dominion Headquarters at Christchurch.
H.M. Queen Elizabeth II conferred the honour of Commander of British Empire C.B.E. on Miss Herrick for her outstanding Service to Guiding. Chief Commissioner's "Patrol Challenge".
- 1963 Forty Years of Guiding in New Zealand.



*Practising First
Aid., 1913*



The Chief Commissioner's Standard

*The first Dominion
Camp at Trentham,
1930*



*How most Guides
remember the
1930 Camp*



*The Chiefs at
Trentham in 1935*



*The "King's Messenger" handing over
the Map to the Mayor of Pahiataua
1937*



Wellington



Taranaki



Auckland



Poverty Bay



Hawke's Bay



Marlborough



Canterbury



Otago



Southland



Nelson



18th March 1937

Te Manuhiri Tuarangi

Te Pouoko-mānawa o te Emepaea



Te Kotuku rerenga tahi.

Tena Koe. Tena Koe



Tena korua ko te Mahurangi me a korua tangariki.

He reo paku rawa tenei o a korua tangariki i Aotearoa. He reo wahi tūhiti rawa o te korua Emepaea. He ngāhi, he aroha ki a korua i pupu ake i roto i te mānawa o enei o a korua tangariki i te ra o te korua Koroneihana. Hei te hari matou nye korua mo te hūnga i roto i ngā whakahaere Kūni, he noho māi nei i runga i te korua rangatira o korua māua, hei Mpoke mo te Emepaea katoa.

He piri pono matou ki a korua, he aroha ki a korua. He te Aua lohungaia to matou Kōwhiri me to matou Kūni.

— Translation —

To our illustrious Chief across the Seas

The centre-pole of the Empire

The rare White Crane

Our humble salutations

We greet you and your Greenstone Ornament our Gracious Queen and your children.

This is but the small voice of your children of Aotearoa an outpost of your Empire giving expression to their joy and gladness on your Coronation Day.

We rejoice and are proud to know that our Gracious Sovereigns are intimate with our work as Guides. To-day you sit upon the throne of your illustrious ancestors as Heeds of this great Empire. Very humbly we express our constant loyalty and love to you both.

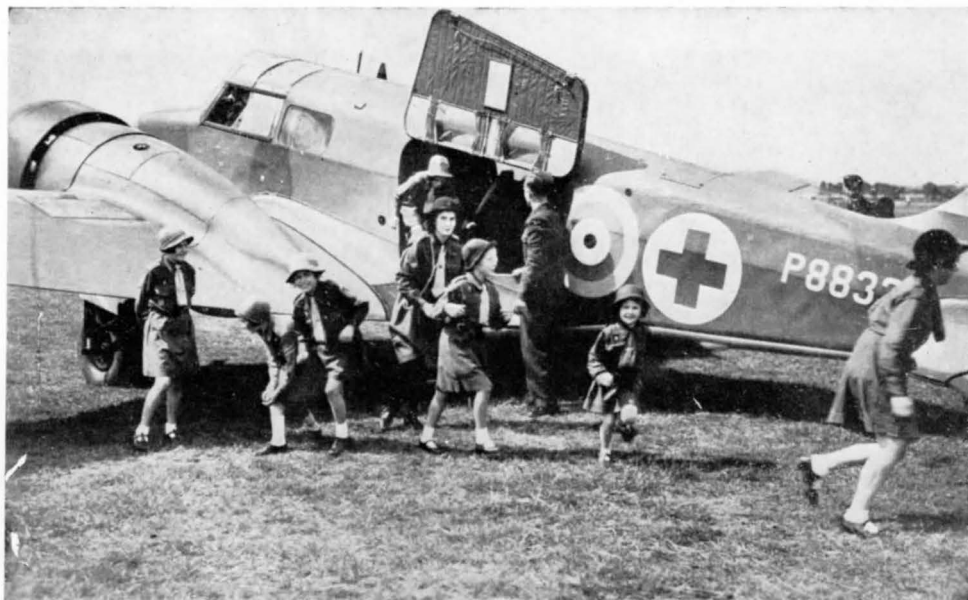
God bless our King and Queen.

Illustrated map hand painted on lambskin which travelled from Guide to Guide round New Zealand from March 19th-May 12th 1937 and was then sent to His Majesty, King George VI



Carrying the Map by a historic Maori Canoe on the Waikato River

*British Brownies
inspecting one of
the Air
Ambulances
presented by the
Guides of the
Empire
New Zealand
Guides presented
£1000 towards this
Air Ambulance*



*New Zealand Guides and
Brownies Making Camouflage
Nets for the Army, 1941*

1945

*Interior of
Trefoil Hut
for Soldiers*



Unloading cases of clothing at Nancy, France



*Hundreds of cases
of clothing sent by
N.Z. Guides to
Gt. Britain, France,
Holland, Poland,
Greece, Malta and
Malaya. 1944*



N.Z. Guide Relief Team distributing clothing in Malaya. 1945



Guides posting their parcels of tinned foods, seeds and school requirements in response to Corso's appeal in 1949 for China

*Her Excellency
Lady Norrie
Dominion
President
(centre)
watching
Rangers
demonstrating
Hike Cooking
1952*

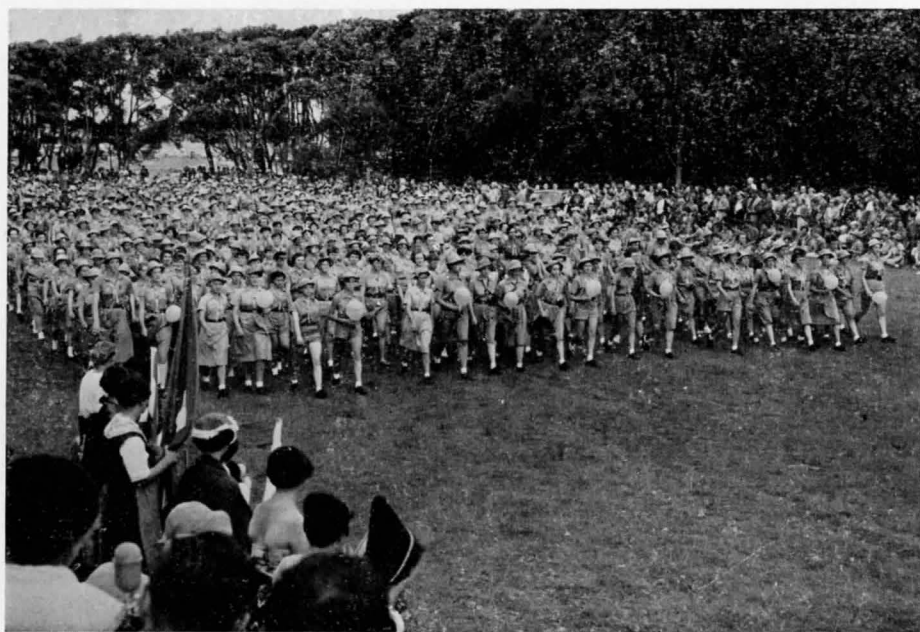


*Pacific
Ranger
Gathering*

*Visiting Rangers being entertained to Christmas dinner by the
Auckland Guiders. 1952*

*From left to right: New Zealand, Hawaii, Rarotonga, Ceylon,
U.S.A., Australia*

*Girl Guides in
the Cook Islands*



*The Pageant of
The Golden Ball,
B.-P Camp 1957*

*1957
Clothing
distributed to
Children in Korea*



*Guides and
Brownies
sampling biscuits
before setting out
on their annual
Biscuit Sales*

*Annual Day
of Service to
Churches—
Guides and
Brownies
spring-cleaning
a church*



*Young Adults
Gathering*

*Delegates from
various countries
to the Gathering
in Fiji. 1959*

*Removing the contents
of Dominion
Headquarters from
Hastings, where it had
been situated from
1934-1961*



*The Conference
Hall, leading
into the Board
Room at Domin-
ion Headquarters
Christchurch*

*The chairs in the Conference Hall were donated by Companies and Packs;
and friends of the movement*